Printing and selling of books written by subordinates of the Education Department.

17. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnaînad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is an order to the effect that, in respect of text-books written by the subordinates of the Education Department, and either approved or prescribed for use in schools, the author should not retain the copyright and that he should not print or sell such books ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Yes. The member is referred to Rule 21 of the Text-Book Committee Rules.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction is aware that the Manager of his office, Mr. Sivaswami Aiyar, still holds copyright of one of the text-books prescribed for this year ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: I am not aware.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Director be pleased to make an enquiry ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: I do not think that the Manager does hold a copyright, but I will gladly make an enquiry.

Observance of the G. O. cancelling New Moon holidays for the 'Education' Department.

18. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether, after their order cancelling New Moon holidays for the Education Department, one New Moon day this year was a holiday for the Director's Office ; and if so, why it was a holiday for that office alone ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Yes, Friday the 1st of Medam 1109, which happened to be a New Moon day, was allowed to be a holiday for the Office of the Director of Public Instruction on account of Vishu, and that was done at the request of a major portion of the Office staff. The 2nd Medam 1109, which was a public holiday for Vishu, was made a working day for the Office instead.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Does the Director of Public Instruction know that the Hindus have to perform Sradha on New Moon days ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Yes, he does.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether New Moon days are holidays for the colleges ?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly